

Government Administration and Elections Committee
JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: SB-458

AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONVEYANCE OF TWO PARCELS OF STATE

Title: LAND IN THE TOWN OF WINDSOR.

Vote Date: 4/10/2024

Vote Action: Joint Favorable Substitute

PH Date: 4/9/2024

File No.:

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Government Administration and Elections Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:

The legislation, as amended, aims to convey two parcels of land located in the Town of Windsor for purposes of economic development.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

Jeffrey Beckham, Office of Policy and Management, Secretary:

OPM opposes the bill as it will negatively impact DOT's I-91 corridor and would require Federal Highway Administration approval; under federal regulations the unilateral transfer of property within the interstate corridors is prohibited.

Garrett Eucalitto, DOT Commissioner:

CT DOT does not take issue with the municipality's request for the parcel; however, the Department recommends the municipality be transferred the requisite property for highway purposes with concurrence from FHWA as it will be utilized as part of the local road. This can be accomplished pursuant to section 13a-80 of the CT General Statutes; therefore, legislation is not required. CTDOT is currently working on a request from the Town of Windsor for the property.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

Peter Souza, Town Manager, Windsor:

The conveyance will facilitate redevelopment of a privately owned vacant and underutilized parcel into a mixed-use retail and service development. The first parcel will allow for the realignment of Violet St. and Route 159 to provide improved safety and access at the intersection to the proposed economic development project. The second parcel is located on the west side of Route 159 and will allow for improved driveway alignment into the site.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

Sherry Brown:

Offers opposition, all 169 towns should create their own rules and have control over these parcels of land. Urges to vote no.

Reported by: Lindsay de Brito

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